

## FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

### Glorious Vicks.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, July 30, 10 a. m.—The great event so long anticipated, namely, the explosion of the mine under the rebel fort, in front of the 5th army corps, came off this morning, at 4 o'clock. Picket firing was kept up all night. At the time the mine was applied to the mine, the skirmishers were still engaged on both sides. The volume of dirt thrown was immense, and rising over three hundred feet in the air. The 5th corps at once charged the works, driving the rebels to their line of entrenchments, and taking a number of prisoners, some of whom were dug out of the earth, badly buried. These rebel prisoners state that only about a dozen remain of the regiment from South Carolina. As soon as the explosion took place, 130 guns opened on our front, while the musketry blazed in one continuous line of fire along the front of the 5th and part of the 18th corps. The scene is one large to be remembered by those who witnessed it. The smoke from the guns soon obscured the view, and the first particulars of success were gleaned from those who came in with the prisoners. The prisoners say we completely surprised those in our front, they being mostly asleep at the time.

One of the prisoners stated that they were busy mining under our works, and in two days more they would have been made to blow them up.

### VERY LATEST.

Reports just in say that we have entire possession of the entire first line of rebel earthworks, with a large number of prisoners. Our loss in the charge was very severe, as our men had to cross an open field to reach the rebels. The troops engaged were the 5th corps, with the 18th supporting them, the 6th being in reserve. The firing is still going on with great fury, consisting chiefly of musketry.

Gen. Grant and Meade, with all the corps commanders are at the front, viewing the progress of affairs.

A special dispatch to the N. Y. Tribune, dated Headquarters Army of the Potomac, July 30th, 8 a. m., says:—The grand conflict commenced at daylight this morning, and loud and continuous roar of cannon all along the lines started the whole country from its slumbers, and spreading throughout the army the wildest excitement and enthusiasm.

Gen. Grant's new flank movement has entirely changed the aspect of affairs here. By the right was thrown on the north side of the James river, within ten miles of Richmond, enabling him to switch his entire force on either side of the river, in a very few hours, and compelling the enemy to cover Richmond with a large force as well as Petersburg, and the exterior line, which they could not do and risk a general engagement at the same time.

A thousand-toned artillery duel progresses magnificently at this hour, the howling shell bursting in wild profusion in camp and battery and among the trembling pines. This musketry has yet come much in action, but the whole army is in arms and in line of battle. Ambulance trains are distributing their stores along the lines, and ambulance trains are hurrying up for the reception of the wounded, while the white coverlets of thousands of horsemens are turned down, and army surgeons with aprons on, their instruments at hand and sleeves rolled up, waiting the bloody harvest of war. Considering the cause the army is engaged in and the position, it is the most spectacular the world ever saw.

DESTRUCTION OF CHAMBERSBURG.

HARRISBURG, July 30.—Very Latest.—Col. McClure has just received a dispatch from the operator in the field, a few miles this side of Chambersburg, that the rebels had fired that town. After having perpetrated that fiendish act, the result of their rage and disappointment at having failed in their hopes of gathering an immense amount of plunder, they left.

HARRISBURG, July 30.—Most positive information has been received that Gen. Averill has driven the rebels out of Chambersburg, and is following them westward, towards London, Franklin county. The best part of Chambersburg is said to be in ashes, and 3,000 people rendered homeless. It is stated on the authority of rebel prisoners that Gen. Breckinridge is making a raid toward Wheeling, or about to return via the Kanawha valley.

### FROM GEN. SHERMAN.

NEW YORK, July 31.—A Herald special, dated Nashville, Tennessee, July 29, says Gen. Sherman's army was again put in motion yesterday to accomplish an important operation looking to an early investment of Atlanta. The enemy yesterday attempted to intercept the movement by attacking the Fifteenth corps, but were badly repulsed. During the contest we took from the rebels four or six regimental flags. There are no other details that can be made public, but the country may rest assured that everything has been successful. It appears that Gen. Bragg came to Atlanta from Richmond; that a council of war was held for the purpose, stated, that Atlanta must and should be held at all hazards. Johnston replied that to do so it would require the sacrifice of the whole army, to which he would not consent, and therefore resigned. The command was tendered to Hardee, who refused to accept it on any terms, and it was given to Hood on the condition that he would defend the city to the last. The rebels are said to have constructed strong works at Atlanta, and it is not unlikely that they may keep us at bay for a few

days longer if they remain in their present position; but even if they do, Hood can scarcely save the remnant of his army.

A letter from a general officer on duty at the front, describes the battle of the 23d as being the severest fight ever had at the West. We had at the time he wrote, already buried 2,200 rebels, and 1,000 yet to bury.

"Colorado" Jewell thus addresses the citizens of the Territory which he benignly assumes to be under his fostering care:—"I claim to be a patriot of the forefathers stamp. Thus I act for my beloved country, not for myself. It is the want of this character in the prominent men before the country that has brought about the sad and civil war. I pray God to raise up from the people many to join me, in a disinterested and noble spirit, so that, under the mighty power of the people, peace and returning prosperity may be restored, with a patriotic forefather rule."

Gen. Dix is the oldest employed General now prominently before the public. He was born in New Hampshire in 1798; Hunter was born in Washington in 1802; McClellan in Kentucky, in 1812; Menie in Spain of American parents in 1816; Canby in Kentucky in 1817; Butler in New Hampshire in 1818; Hooker in Massachusetts in 1819; Sherman in Ohio in 1820; Grant in Ohio in 1822; Franklin in Pennsylvania in 1823; Hancock in the same State in 1824; Burbridge in Indiana in 1824; Sigel in Germany in 1824; and Slocum in 1824.

BEAUTIES OF REPUBLICANISM.—There is now at Fort McClary, in our harbor, a soldier who performs all the duties of a private in the ranks and a guard, and is not even clothed with the power of a fourth corporal, who, in the event of the death of President Lincoln, would at once become the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States. And yet with this consciousness he is willing to place himself in the position of a common soldier, share with them in their messes, bear about his own tin cupper, and reside in their barracks. This is the position of the Hon. Hanford Hamlin, Vice President of the United States and private of Co. A. of the State Guard, of Bangor. Such a bold is one of the beauties of republicanism—but it requires such bold men as Hamlin thus to display the most beautiful features of the simplicity of our institutions.—*Portland Journal.*

Gov. Hahn, of Louisiana has revoked the commission of Wm. W. Landis, of the third District Court, because the latter decided that slavery still existed in that State. The subject subsequently came up before the State Convention, and after a spirited debate a resolution was adopted, 56 to 20, declaring that that and all similar decisions were contrary to the fundamental law of the State, and a contempt of the ordinance of emancipation.

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The third Vermont regiment has returned and been mustered out of the service.

The drought in Wisconsin and northern Illinois has been succeeded by the heaviest rain storm known in that section for many years. More water is said to have fallen in some places than fell for several months previous.

TO ARMS! TO ARMS!—The Citizen Soldier will find a more deadly foe in the brickkiln, muddy water, and damp night air than in the most determined enemy. HOLLOWAY'S PILLS so purify the blood and strengthen the stomach and bowels that the soldier can endure these hardships and still be strong and healthy. 30 cents, and \$1.10 per box or pot.

BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES are recommended for public speakers and others, for the relief of Colds and clear the voice. Their efficacy is strongly attested by Congressmen, Clergymen, Military men and others who use them. As these are infusions, be sure to obtain the genuine.

U. S. 10-40 LOAN.

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